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SUBJECT: CCD: ARGENTINA CRITICIZES DECISION TO CONVENE WDC
SPECIAL COMMITTEE

TEL POUCHED ADDIS ABABA ANKARA ATHENS BELGRADE BUCHAREST
HELSINKI LAGOS NEW DELHI OSLO PRAGUE RABAT RANGOON SOFIA
WARSAW

1. SUMMARY. AT APRIL 12 PLENARY MEETING, ORTIZ DE ROZAS
(ARGENTINA) CRITICIZED STRONGLY UNSYG DECISION TO ISSUE
INVITATIONS CONVENING WDC SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON APRIL 26.
ACCORDING TO ARGENTINA REP, INTENT AND INITIATIVE OF
SPONSORS OF UNGA RES SETTING UP COMMITTEE HAVE BEEN
DISTORTED BY HASTY ACTION AND LACK OF ADEQUATE CON-
SULTATIONS. (THERE WAS STRONG IMPLIED CRITICISM OF SOVIETS IN
THIS PORTION OF SPEECH). HE SAID CHANCES FOR SUCCESS OF
COMMITTEE ARE MINIMAL, BUT HE DID NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOT
ARGENTINA WOULD ACCEPT SYG' S INVITATION. (HE HAS TOLD
US PRIVATELY ARGENTINA WILL PROBABLY ATTEND AND SUPPORT
MOVE FOR IMMEDIATE ADJOURNMENT (SEPTEL). END
SUMMARY.

2. ORTIZ DE ROZAS (ARGENTINA) SAID PURPOSE OF WDC WAS TO
INSTILL FRESH IMPETUS TOWARD NEGOTIATIONS ON GCD WITH
EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL CONTROL. IN VIEW OF SENSITIVE
PROBLEMS INHERENT IN THIS AREA, CAREFUL PREPARATION AND
PRIOR CONSULTATIONS WERE NECESSARY TO ENSURE USEFULNESS
OF WDC. UNGA DEBATES HIGHLIGHTED THESE DIFFICULTIES AND
ARGENTINA PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE
TO KEEP WDC ALIVE.

3. HE SAID UNGA ADOPTION OF ARGENTINE PROPOSAL WAS RESULT
OF WEEKS OF INTENSIVE NEGOTIATIONS. HE STATED THAT RES
CO- SPONSORS (ARGENTINA AND ZAMBIA) BELIEVED PARTICIPATION
OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS WAS NECESSARY PRECONDITION TO
CONVENING OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE AND HE SAID MEANINGFUL
DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT PARTICIPATION OF ALL
FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS WAS A " PIPEDREAM".
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4. ROZAS MAINTAINED THAT OPERATIVE PARAS OF RES GAVE UNGA PRESIDENT AUTHORITY ONLY TO NAME MEMBERS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE, AND THIS WAS TO BE DONE IN CONSULTATION WITH ALL REGIONAL GROUPS TO ENSURE POLITICAL AND GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT RES INTENTIONALLY OMITS DATE AND PLACE FOR CONVENING OF COMMITTEE AND THAT THIS WAS ALSO INTENDED TO BE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATIONS. HE SAID OPINIONS OF RES CO- SPONSORS SHOULD HAVE BEEN RESPECTED BEFORE CONVENING OF COMMITTEE, AND HE REGRETTED THAT SYG HAD ISSUED HIS INVITATION OF APRIL 6, TO 31 STATES, SINCE
RELEVANT CONSULTATIONS HAD NOT BEEN CARRIED OUT. (WE UNDERSTAND ORTIZ DE ROZAS HAD DRAFTED EVEN STRONGER LANGUAGE BUT HAD LATER DECIDED TO DELETE IT BECAUSE OF HIS PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP WITH UNSYG.)

5. ROZAS SAID THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES CHANCES FOR SUCCESS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ARE MINIMAL, IF NOT NON- EXISTENT, AND THAT ABSENCE OF FOUR OF FIVE NUCLEAR POWERS FROM COMMITTEE DISTORTS INITIATIVE AND INTENT OF RES SPONSORS. HE SAID WHAT IS NOW AT STAKE IS NOT FEASIBILITY OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE BUT A LARGER ISSUE OF PRINCIPLE: DISARMAMENT CAN BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY COOPERATION OF ALL COUNTRIES; IT CANNOT BE IMPOSED BY MAJORITY VOTE. NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IS UNTHINKABLE WITHOUT WILLING PARTICIPATION OF ALL NUCLEAR POWERS. RIMESTAD

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